

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A drying system comprising:
a media support having a first surface and a second surface, ~~the first surface defining a media travel path; and~~
a heater positioned spaced apart from the second surface of the media support, the second surface of the media support being located between the heater and the first surface of the media support, the heater being operatively associated with the media support through a conductive path connected to the media support, the conductive path being operable to conduct heat from the heater to the media support, ~~the second surface of the media support being located between the heater and the first surface of the media support.~~

2. (Original) The system according to Claim 1, wherein a portion of the media support is curved.

3. (Original) The system according to Claim 2, wherein the curved portion of the media support includes the first surface.

4. (currently amended) The system according to Claim 2, wherein the conductive path connected to the media support comprises a heat conductive extension connected at one end to the second surface of the media support, the heater being connected to another location of the extension.

5. (previously presented) The system according to Claim 4, wherein the extension is connected to the curved portion of the media support.

6. (currently amended) The system according to Claim 1, wherein the conductive path connected to the media support comprises a heat

conductive extension connected to the second surface of the media support and the heater.

7. (Canceled)

8. (currently amended) The system according to Claim 1, wherein the conductive path connected to the media support comprises a heat conductive extension connected at one end to the second surface of the media support, wherein a portion of the extension is positioned relative to the heater such that the heater is supported by the extension.

9. (currently amended) The system according to Claim 1, wherein the conductive path connected to the media support comprises a heat conductive extension connected at one end to the second surface of the media support, the heater being connected to another location of the extension.

10. (Canceled)

11. (previously presented) The system according to Claim 1, wherein the first and second surfaces of the media support are heat conductive.

12. (currently amended) The system according to Claim 1, wherein the heat conductive path connected to the media support comprises a heat conductive extension connected at one end to another portion of the media support and connected at another end to the second surface of the media support, the heater being connected to another location of the extension.

13. (Original) The system according to Claim 12, wherein the other portion of the media support is a spacer.

14. (Original) The system according to Claim 13, wherein the spacer comprises a heat insulating component.

15. (Original) The system according to Claim 12, wherein the other portion of the media support is a platen.

16. (currently amended) The system according to Claim 1, wherein the heat conductive path connected to the media support comprises a heat conductive extension integrally formed at one end to the second surface of the media support, the heater being connected to another location of the extension.

17. (Canceled)

18. (previously presented) The system according to Claim 1, wherein the first surface of the media support is heat conductive.

19. (previously presented) A drying system comprising:
a media support having a curved surface;
a plurality of heaters; and
a plurality of heater extensions, each of the plurality of heater extensions being in contact with the media support, each of the plurality of heater extensions being operatively associated with one of the plurality of heaters, wherein heat generated by the plurality of heaters is conducted to the curved surface of the media support through the plurality of heater extensions.

20. (currently amended) A method of drying an article comprising:
providing an extension connected to a support; and
conducting heat from a source of heat through ~~an~~ the extension to a surface of ~~a~~ the support, the surface of the support being contactable with the article.

21. (previously presented) The system according to Claim 6, the media support having a thickness, the extension having a length, wherein a ratio of the length of the extension to the thickness of the media support is greater than 1.

22. (new) A drying system comprising:
a media support having a body portion;
a heat conductive extension affixed to the body portion of the media support; and
a heater affixed to the extension at a location spaced apart from the media support.

23. (new) The system according to Claim 22, wherein the heat conductive extension is attached to the body portion of the media support.

24. (new) The system according to Claim 22, wherein the heat conductive extension is integrally formed with the body portion of the media support.

25. (new) The system according to Claim 22, wherein the body portion of the media support is curved.

26. (new) The system according to Claim 22, the media support including a thickness, the extension including a length, wherein a ratio of the length of the extension to the thickness of the media support is greater than 1.

27. (new) The system according to Claim 22, the media support including a width, wherein the heat conductive extension spans the width of the media support.

28 (new) The system according to Claim 22, the media support including a width, wherein the heater spans the width of the media support.

29. (new) The system according to Claim 22, wherein the heat conductive extension comprises a plurality of heat conductive extensions affixed to the body portion of the media support, and the heater comprises a plurality of heaters, each heater being affixed to one of the plurality of extensions at a location spaced apart from the media support.